

RUTH ESCAPES WHEN AUTO IS SMASHED

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ington—Will Play Today.**

YANKS HOME FOR 21 GAMES

**Injured Players Doing Well and All
Will Be Available Within a
Week, Says Huggins.**

Babe Ruth's name has not been added to the long list of Yankees now under the doctor's care. Reports from Wawa, Pa., yesterday had the home run king of baseball injured in an automobile accident, but Miller Huggins announced last night that Ruth and the other members of his automobile party had fortunately escaped injury when Babe's new car ran off the road while on the way from Washington to Philadelphia.

Ruth will be in his accustomed place when the Yankees take the field against the Detroit Tigers at the Polo Grounds this afternoon. He reached New York last evening, but Huggins had learned all the details long before Babe's arrival. Ruth talked with the Yankee manager over the telephone during a stop at Philadelphia, and gave the assurance that none of the party had been injured in the automobile accident. Babe was accompanied by Mrs. Ruth, Coach Charley O'Leary, Catcher Fred Hoffman and Outfielder Frank Gleich.

The car which figured in the accident was purchased by Ruth only three weeks ago. He drove it to Philadelphia for the series there and then continued on to Washington, where the Yankees opened a series on Sunday and played until Tuesday. With Mrs. Ruth and the three players Babe left Washington Tuesday evening and planned to reach Philadelphia shortly after midnight. It was in attempting to make a sharp turn that Ruth's car ran off the road, but none of the party was injured.

Begin Long Home Stand.

The crippled Yankees, minus several regulars but still showing the way in the American League pennant parade, will begin a long home stand at the Polo Grounds this afternoon. The sojourn at home will continue until July 26, inclusive, and the Hugmen will engage in twenty-one games, including one double-header with the Browns and two with the Chicago White Sox. The Tigers, who open here today, will be here for four games in as many days and on Tuesday next the St. Louis Browns will open a five-game series with a double-header. Monday will be an off day for the Yankees.

The White Sox, now crowding their way into the thick of the pennant hunt, will be here for six games, including a pair of double-headers, on Saturday, July 17, and some more capacity crowds are likely during this important series. The Cleveland Indians, who have been making the pace most of the season, will be at the Polo Grounds from July 21 to July 24, inclusive, and judging from the demand for reservations there will be few vacant seats at the Brush Stadium while Speaker's team is here. After the Indians come the Boston Red Sox for a Sunday and a Monday game and then the Yankees will hit the trail westward for their second invasion of that section.

Huggins expects that all the players now on the crippled list will be back in uniform during the coming week and he is hopeful of increasing the lead before the home stay is ended. With Hooper, Hendryx and Hoyt out of the Boston lineup it is likely that both the Indians and White Sox will be successful in the Hub and both teams should do well at Philadelphia. Washington is the only Eastern team that may be counted upon to furnish any aid to the Yankees while the Western clubs are playing in this section.

Aaron Ward, the latest of the Yankees to join the casualty squad, was not as seriously injured as at first supposed, and Huggins declared last night that he probably would be able to rejoin the team by next Monday. Shawkey and Mogridge, the crippled pitchers, are expected back in a week's time, and Peckinpaugh may be able to play before the end of the week. Duffy Lewis is now taking light exercise and he probably will be able to take his place in the outfield within a week or ten days. Bob Meusel has been playing with a badly bruised hand, but has remained in the game owing to the fact that so many other players were more seriously injured.

Meanwhile Fewster has become available and is playing a strong game, showing no ill effects of his severe injury last March. The fine form shown by Rip Collins and the improvement in the work of Carl Mays have eased the pitching problem, and Sam Vick is playing a good game in the outfield and hitting well. The string of accidents has served the good purpose of showing just how strong a reserve squad Manager Huggins has at his disposal.

Reception for Ruth.

A reception for Babe Ruth, with a presentation by the Knights of Columbus of New York to the Yankee slugger, has been scheduled for tomorrow at the Polo Grounds. Babe is a member of the organization and the brother Knights have arranged a big testimonial in his honor. The Knights will assemble at the hall of the Pro Patria Council, Convent Avenue and 144th Street, at 1 o'clock and, headed by their band, will proceed to the Polo Grounds. About 1,000 Knights, including several officials of the order, will be in attendance. The presentation ceremonies will take place just before the game with the Detroit Tigers.

Three attendance records at Washington fell during the three-day visit which has just been concluded by the Yankees. On Sunday last the Yanks and Senators played to the greatest Sunday crowd in Washington's baseball history and the first game Monday drew the greatest morning crowd that has yet attended a game there. The afternoon game on the holiday was witnessed by more people than any game ever drew before in the Capital City.

The Giants open their second invasion of the West this afternoon at Chicago, where they are scheduled to play a four-game series with the Cubs. Following the visit there McGraw's men will move along to St. Louis for three games, then to Pittsburgh for five and the western trip will close with a six-game series at Cincinnati. One double header is on the card during the Pittsburgh series and another is to be played during the five-day visit at Cincinnati. On their first western trip the Giants won seven of their twelve games, getting even breaks in Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and St. Louis, and three out of four games at Chicago. This second swing will tend to show whether or not the Giants may be expected to figure prominently in the pennant hunt. The team will be back at the Polo Grounds on July 27 to open a series here with the western clubs.